CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for enabling a speech-based, Internet search comprising:

generating cohorts;

generating a language;

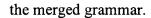
generating a merged grammar from the cohorts and language.

- 2. The method as in claim 1 wherein the language comprises an N-gram language.
- 3. The method as in claim 1 wherein the language comprises a finite state language.
- 4. The method as in claim 1 wherein the language comprises a context free grammar.
- 5. The method as in claim 1 wherein the language comprises a context sensitive language.
- 6. The method as in claim 1 wherein the grammar comprises a phoneme grammar.
- 7. The method as in claim 1 wherein the grammar comprises a word grammar.
- 8. The method as in claim 1 wherein generating the cohorts and language further comprises eliminating cohorts and parts of the language which are associated with web sites having low traffic flow.
- 9. The method as in claim 1 further comprising deleting repetitive cohorts or repetitive parts of the language.
- 10. The method as in claim 1 further comprising generating the cohorts and language from phonemes.
- 11. The method as in claim 1 further comprising:

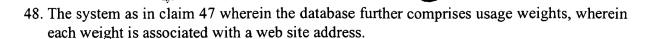
comparing a phoneme associated with a spoken word against the merged grammar.

- 12. The method as in claim 11 wherein the merged grammar comprises one or more synonyms.
- 13. The method as in claim 11 wherein the merged grammar comprises one or more conjugates.
- 14. The method as in claim 11 wherein the merged grammar comprises part of speech identifiers.

- 15. The method as in claim 11 further comprising generating information correlated to the spoken word.
- 16. The method as in claim 15 wherein the information comprises a web site address.
- 17. A method for enabling a speech-based, Internet search comprising comparing a phoneme associated with a spoken word against a merged grammar.
- 18. The method as in claim 17 wherein the grammar comprises one or more synonyms.
- 19. The method as in claim 17 wherein the grammar comprises one or more conjugates.
- 20. The method as in claim 17 wherein the grammar comprises part of speech identifiers.
- 21. The method as in claim 17 further comprising generating information correlated to the spoken word.
- 22. The method as in claim 21 wherein the information comprises a web site address.
- 23. A system for enabling a speech-based, Internet search comprising:
 - a cohort generator adapted to generate cohorts;
 - a language generator adapted to generate a language; and
 - a merging unit adapted to generate a merged grammar from the cohorts and language.
- 24. The system as in claim 23 wherein the language comprises an N-gram language.
- 25. The system as in claim 23 wherein the language comprises a finite state language.
- 26. The system as in claim 23 wherein the language comprises a context free language.
- 27. The system as in claim 23 wherein the language comprises a context sensitive language.
- 28. The system as in claim 23 wherein the grammar comprises a phoneme grammar.
- 29. The system as in claim 23 wherein the grammar comprises a word grammar.
- 30. The system as in claim 23 further comprising a statistical unit adapted to eliminate cohorts and parts of the language associated with web sites having low traffic flow.
- 31. The system as in claim 23 further comprising an optimization unit adapted to delete repetitive cohorts or repetitive parts of the language.
- 32. The system as in claim 23 further comprising:
 - a recognition unit adapted to compare a phoneme associated with a spoken word against



- 33. The system as in claim 32 wherein the grammar comprises one or more synonyms.
- 34. The system as in claim 32 wherein the grammar comprises one or more conjugates.
- 35. The system as in claim 32 wherein the grammar comprises part of speech identifiers.
- 36. The system as in claim 32 wherein the recognition unit is further adapted to generate information correlated to the spoken word.
- 37. The system as in claim 36 wherein the information comprises a web site address.
- 38. A system for enabling a speech based, Internet search comprising:
 - a recognition unit adapted to compare a phoneme associated with a spoken word against a merged grammar.
- 39. The system as in claim 38 wherein the grammar comprises one or more synonyms.
- 40. The system as in claim 38 wherein the grammar comprises one or more conjugates.
- 41. The system as in claim 38 wherein the grammar comprises part of speech identifiers.
- 42. The system as in claim 38 wherein the recognition unit is further adapted to generate information correlated to the spoken word.
- 43. The system as in claim 42 wherein the information comprises a web site address.
- 44. The system as in claim 23 further comprising a grammar database, the database comprising:
 - one or more words or phonemes;
 - a probability value associated with each of the one or more of the words or phonemes; and
 - a pointer associated with each of the one or more words or phonemes.
- 45. The system as in claim 44 wherein the database further comprises distance values associated with one or more words or phonemes.
- 46. The system as in claim 44 wherein the database further comprises one or more web site indices associated with each pointer.
- 47. The system as in claim 46 wherein the database further comprises one or more web site addresses associated with each index.



- 49. The system as in claim 44 wherein the database further comprises one or more synonyms of a word or phoneme.
- 50. The system as in claim 44 wherein the databases further comprises one or more conjugates of a word or phoneme.
- 51. The system as in claim 44 wherein the database further comprises one or more part of speech identifiers associated with one or more of the words or phonemes.
- 52. A programmed medium adapted to:

generate cohorts;

generate a language; and

generate a merged grammar from the cohorts and language.

- 53. The programmed medium as in claim 52 wherein the language comprises an N-gram language.
- 54. The programmed medium as in claim 52 wherein the language comprises a finite state language.
- 55. The programmed medium as in claim 52 wherein the language comprises a context free language.
- 56. The programmed medium as in claim 52 wherein the language comprises a context sensitive language.
- 57. The programmed medium as in claim 52 further adapted to eliminate cohorts and parts of the language associated with web sites having low traffic flow.
- 58. The programmed medium as in claim 52 further adapted to delete repetitive cohorts or repetitive parts of the language.
- 59. The programmed medium as in claim 52 further adapted to compare a phoneme associated with a spoken word against the merged grammar.
- 60. The programmed medium as in claim 59 wherein the grammar comprises one or more synonyms.
- 61. The programmed medium as in claim 59 wherein the grammar comprises one or more conjugates.

- 62. The programmed medium as in claim 59 wherein the grammar comprises one or more part of speech identifiers.
- 63. The programmed medium as in claim 59 further adapted to generate information correlated to the spoken word.
- 64. The programmed medium as in claim 63 wherein the information comprises a web site address.
- 65. The programmed medium as in claim 52 wherein the medium comprises a magnetic storage medium.
- 66. The programmed medium as in claim 52 wherein the medium comprises a CD.
- 67. The programmed medium as in claim 52 wherein the medium comprises a digital storage device.
- 68. A programmed medium adapted to:
 - compare a phoneme associated with a spoken word against a merged grammar.
- 69. The programmed medium as in claim 68 wherein the grammar comprises one or more synonyms.
- 70. The programmed medium as in claim 68 wherein the grammar comprises one or more conjugates.
- 71. The programmed medium as in claim 68 wherein the grammar comprises part of speech identifiers.
- 72. The programmed medium as in claim 68 further adapted to generate information correlated to the spoken word.
- 73. The programmed medium as in claim 72 wherein the information comprises a web site address.
- 74. A grammar database comprising:
 - one or more words or phonemes;
 - a probability value associated with each of the one or more of the words or phonemes; and
 - a pointer associated with each of the one or more words or phonemes.
- 75. The database as in claim 74 further comprising distance values associated with one or more words or phonemes.

- 76. The database as in claim 74 further comprising one or more web site indices associated with each pointer.
- 77. The database as in claim 76 further comprising one or more web site addresses associated with each index.
- 78. The database as in claim 77 further comprising usage weights, wherein each weight is associated with a web site address.
- 79. The database as in claim 74 further comprising one or more synonyms of a word or phoneme.
- 80. The database as in claim 74 further comprising one or more conjugates of a word or phoneme.
- 81. The database as in claim 74 further comprising one or more part of speech identifiers associated with one or more of the words or phonemes.
- 82. A database comprising one or more web site indices associated with one or more pointers.
- 83. A database comprising one or more web site addresses associated with one or more web site indices.
- 84. The database as in claim 83 further comprising usage weights, wherein each weight is associated with a web site address.
- 85. A database comprising synonyms of words or phonemes.
- 86. The database as in claim 85 further comprising conjugates of the words or phonemes.